



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Elian Cruz Morel, et al. on behalf of
themselves and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

-against-

Green Castle A Mgmt Corp. et al.,

Defendants.

1:19-cv-11307 (SDA)

ORDER

STEWART D. AARON, UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE:

This case contains one or more claims arising under the Fair Labor Standards Act. A settlement was reached by the parties at a settlement conference before me on December 20, 2021. The parties thereafter consented to have all proceedings held before me. (See ECF No. 68.) In light of the requirements of *Cheeks v. Freeport Pancake House, Inc.*, 796 F.3d 199 (2d Cir. 2015), the parties must file a joint letter or motion that addresses whether the settlement is fair and reasonable.

Any such letter or motion shall be filed by Tuesday, January 11, 2022 and should address the claims and defenses, the defendants' potential monetary exposure and the bases for any such calculations, the strengths and weaknesses of the plaintiffs' case and the defendants' defenses, any other factors that justify the discrepancy between the potential value of plaintiffs' claims and the settlement amount, the litigation and negotiation process, as well as any other issues that might be pertinent to the question of whether the settlement is reasonable (for example, the collectability of any judgment if the case went to trial).

The joint letter or motion should also explain the attorney fee arrangement, attach a copy

of the retainer agreement, and provide information as to actual attorney's fees expended and the relevant experience of the attorney(s). Finally, a copy of the settlement agreement itself must accompany the joint letter or motion.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: New York, New York
January 4, 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stewart D. Aaron", is written above a horizontal line.

STEWART D. AARON
United States Magistrate Judge